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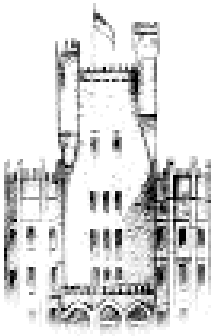
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David Onestack, director of the counseling center, talks about strategies women can use to determine if a man is intending to harm her Tuesday evening at the Fighting Monsters workshop in the Charleston/Mattoon room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

## Fighting against monsters

Workshop stresses strategies to protect against predators

By Tiffany Whaley  
Staff writer

"The fact that a guy relentlessly pursues you does not mean that you are special," said David Onestack, director of the counseling center and speaker of the "Fighting Monsters" workshop held in the Charleston/Mattoon room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Tuesday night.

"Persistence only proves persistence," he said.

Many strategies are used by predators of women to establish privacy and control with their potential victims.

Onestack described the constant persistence as a refusal to hear "no." Movies romanticize this refusal and do a great favor to predators, Onestack said.

Other strategies that are used are things that otherwise may seem harmless like niceness and charm.

In fact, Onestack described some of these strategies as things women would hear if a guy wanted to pick them up.

Women make the mistake of thinking that niceness and charm are character traits, when in all actuality they should be used as verbs, he said.

Instead of saying a guy is nice or charming, Onestack suggests that women say he is trying to be nice or trying to charm her.

Intuition is key in whether a woman will become a victim, Onestack said.

He said in virtually every rape or assault he has been told about, the woman knew something was wrong ahead of time.

"Nature has given you the greatest self defense mechanism in your own intuition," Onestack said.

However, women tend to doubt and debate their intuition, or they are worried about being impolite, he said. Women at the discussion

agreed with his statement.

"I'm too nice, like I can't be mean," Tina Williamson, a freshman forensic science major, said.

Onestack said women are socialized to be polite, worry about other people's feelings and not come across as a "bitch."

"Would you rather be a bitch or a victim?" Onestack asked.

These mental defenses help to "harden the target;" however, women should know that they cannot control the actions of others and whatever happens is not the woman's fault, Onestack said.

In the case of Shannon McNamara, an Eastern student who was murdered in June, Onestack said she did everything right.

No one wants to think about things like rapes and murders, but predators are out there.

Nothing is more harmful than pretending that in Charleston there is no threat, Onestack said.

## Program would guarantee four year graduation

By Pat Guinane  
Administration editor

Eastern's Academic Affairs Department is taking steps toward implementing a guaranteed four-year graduation program similar to a system offered by Western Illinois University.

Provost Blair Lord said that while EIU-4, the proposed graduation incentive program, will be similar to programs at other universities, Eastern is not implementing EIU-4 because it feels compelled to compete with Western.

"We decided this would be good for Eastern," he said. "It happens that Western does have such a program. They feel it's been successful for them but we thought this was a good initiative for Eastern to take, with or without Western having a similar program. So it's not keeping up with Western."

Education and teacher certification programs will be exempted from EIU-4 along with cooperative engineering and possibly one or two other majors. Lord said similar programs tend to attract 10 to 20 percent of a university's freshman class.

"It's not something that, logically, everyone will want to participate in," Lord told the Faculty Senate

Tuesday, but he did say the program will provide an option for students and their parents who are interested in four-year degree completion.

For that reason, Lord said EIU-4 can positively impact Eastern's recruitment efforts.

According to the current program proposal, interested students would have to meet with a counselor during orientation to discuss EIU-4. They would then have to sign an agreement and declare a major.

Once in the program, students must enroll in and maintain a load of 15 to 18 credit-hours per semester and fulfill other requirements, including regular meetings with an advisor. If a student follows the program's stipulations and still does not graduate on time, Eastern will pay the student's tuition for necessary classes beyond the four years.

Western implemented a similar program, dubbed Gradtrac, in the fall of 1998. Like Eastern's program, students enrolled must meet regularly with their advisors and complete at least 15 course hours per semester. Western's program also requires students to meet the minimum grade point average of their majors. Gradtrac also includes

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## Energy efficient campus improvements begin

By Jessica Danielewicz  
Campus editor

Eastern has begun a year-long construction program to improve energy efficiency throughout the campus.

In late September, Eastern signed a \$10.8-million contract with Honeywell Inc. to provide for various campus improvements aimed at increasing the university's energy efficiency.

Those improvements began showing up this month.

The plans include the replacement of water and light fixtures across campus, new chillers, steam traps and a chilled water loop in the North Quad and the South Quad, interim Director of Facilities Planning & Management Carol Strode said in an e-mail.

Mary DeMarco, Honeywell account executive for the project, said

the project is "basically retrofitting the campus and making the campus more efficient."

The program has started with work on the steam traps, DeMarco said.

The whole project is expected to take a year to complete, and the project requires that the schedule is followed, Strode said.

Steam traps are devices that control the amount of steam pumped into an area to heat, DeMarco said. Problems with steam traps account for extreme temperature differences between and within campus buildings.

"They get very clogged up," she said. The replacement of chillers and extending the chilled water loop is expected to make Eastern's cooling system more efficient.

The chiller is the equipment in

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‘Candida’ premiers tonight

By Dan James  
Staff writer

The curtains go up on the University Theatre's latest production, "Candida", tonight. The scene is set in late 19th century London for this love story where the wife of a clergyman has to choose between her husband and a young poet.

"Candida" begins tonight at 7 p.m. and nightly performances will go on until Saturday, with the final performance at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Studio at the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

This classic story has something

for everyone at the university or in their teens, especially women, said Clarence Blanchette, the director and scenery designer for the production. The committee chose this production because it fits well into the formula the theater follows where all periods of history are represented over each four-year program, Blanchette said.

In that way those at Eastern "get some of the experience in terms of theater which we think they should get," Blanchette said.

The theater has been kept very busy lately, with the rapid switch from the musical "Two By Two" to

being ready for the first performance of "Candida." The change has taken "some energy," Blanchette said. Aaron Lawson, a sophomore theater major who plays the part of the young poet Eugene Marchbanks, said he believes that the production will be a success. "This is definitely the best cast I've ever worked with," Lawson said.

Tickets cost \$8 for adults, \$6 for faculty, staff and senior citizens and \$3.50 for students, and are available in the box office. Call 581-3110 for ticket information or reservations.



Kate MitchellAssoc. photo editor

Sewing up the loose ends

Theresa Lipinski, a junior theater arts major, works on a Victorian belt for a dress that Jena Phillips, a character in "Candida", will wear in Act two of the play Tuesday evening in the Fine Arts building.

Substance abuse handbook available online

By Ryan Mumford  
Staff writer

The EIU Alcohol and Other Drug Coalition has made available online Eastern's Faculty Handbook on Alcohol & Other Drugs to raise drug awareness and show how the faculty can become involved. "This alcohol and drug guide is full of different information pertaining to the guide," said Eric Davidson, assistant director for health education and promotion. The introduction to the handbook deals with the scope of substance abuse on college cam-

puses, Davidson said. The majority of it deals with how and why the faculty should become involved in prevention. It also explains how substance abuse affects students physically and emotionally. "High-risk drinking is no more of a problem here than it is at other college campuses," Davidson said, adding that the majority of students drink moderately or not at all. At this point in time, there is no print version of the handbook but the coalition is currently working on one, he said. When the print version is complete, it

will be mailed to faculty members and made available to the public. Davidson said that Eastern does various things to address drinking and drug abuse. The coalition brings many community members to the table to address alcohol and drug problems. "Last weekend, 11 students attended student leadership conferences in Springfield," Davidson said. The conferences taught students how to apply environmental prevention strategies. The EIU Alcohol and Other Drug Coalition's mission is to

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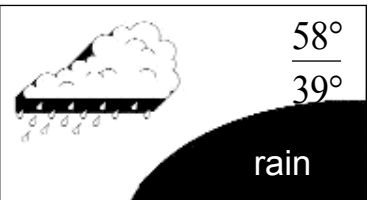
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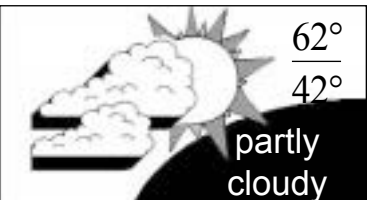
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“High-risk drinking is no more of a problem here than it is at other college campuses.

Eric Davidson,  
Assistant director  
for health education and promotion

create a safe and healthy environment by encouraging legal and responsible behavior regarding drinking and other drug use. To view the handbook online, visit [www.eiu.edu/~alcohol](http://www.eiu.edu/~alcohol).

# Student Senate to discuss fee recommendations

By Jamie Fetty  
Student government editor

The Student Senate tonight will debate student fee increase recommendations and the Apportionment Board's recent decision to allocate \$10,000 to the Athletic Department to host two rounds of the NCAA football playoffs.

The senate's Tuition and Fee Review Committee submitted its recommendations for fee increases based on presentations received from each of nine student fee-funded boards: Student Recreation Center; Health Service and Pharmacy; Textbook Rental; Intercollegiate Athletics; Student Health and Accident Insurance; Computer Technology; Union/Bond Revenue; Grant-in-Aid and Activity, which funds Apportionment Board; Student Publications and Student Legal Services.

Each motion must be tabled, and the committee will examine the concerns senate members raise at the meeting, Speaker of the Senate Joe Robbins said.

"We'll refer it to the (Tuition and Fee Review) committee," he said. "They'll take our concerns and address those."

Senate cannot change recommended increases; only the committee can do that, Robbins said.

The total increase in fees may not exceed \$29.20 as mandated by an earlier senate resolution. If senate passes its increase recommendations, interim President Lou Hencken and Shirley Stewart, vice president for student affairs, will review the proposed changes and then present them to the Board of Trustees.

Alan Baharlou, geography/geology department chair, who represents the Computer Technology board, will deliver a special presentation at tonight's meeting.

Robbins said he believes Baharlou's presentation will discuss where technology fee dollars are going.

At an emergency meeting Monday night, Apportionment Board approved an additional allocation of \$10,000 to the athletic department that senate must pass.

Athletics must guarantee the NCAA ticket sales of \$30,000 for the first round and \$40,000 for the second round. The money will buy 1,000 student tickets to be handed out for free for each round. Remaining student tickets will be sold at \$5 and adult tickets will cost \$11, if Eastern gets the bid, said athletic director Rich McDuffie and assistant athletic director John Smith at their presentation to AB Monday.

McDuffie and Smith also have a presentation scheduled for tonight's senate meeting.

The senate will meet at 7 p.m. in the Arcola/Tuscola room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University

Union.

Senate will also revisit a tabled resolution banning credit card solicitation in residence halls. Employees of credit card companies are already prohibited from trying to distribute applications, but a loophole exists that allows students to pass out applications as a fund raiser, Robbins said.

"This will amend the rule to include any agent of a credit card company," Robbins said.

A bylaw change requiring senate members to attend "one event of diversity" will also be discussed. Last week, senate members raised concerns over what constituted "diversity" and the implications of being "forced" to show their commitment to promoting diversity on campus.

A new item of diversity-themed legislation to be discussed tonight would stipulate that senate "will do everything in their power to investigate and find solutions in addressing the needs of students as it relates to

diversity."

Other items of new business include suggestions for the words to be inscribed on the paver senate purchased in the Commemorative Courtyard in honor of the victims of the Sept. 11 attacks, and the creation of a shuttle bus committee to handle problems that may arise with Panther Express.

The formation of the committee is not in response to a particular problem, but to be ready to handle problems that could crop up, Robbins said.

"We're trying to be proactive," he said.

In other business, the senate will vote on appointments to the elections commission, which deals with student government elections, and a new Recognized Student Organization called "Ladies of Elegance," which is intended to promote unity and leadership opportunities for women on campus.

## UB's new fee faces referendum Survey could affect committee's decision

By Jamie Fetty  
Student government editor

Recently, the University Board conducted an informal survey to assess whether students would be willing to pay a \$5-per-semester fee. About 750 of the 1,200 surveys distributed made it back to UB, indicating 78 percent of respondents would pay the fee.

But before anyone coughs up 10 bucks, the idea has to make its way through the Student Senate's Tuition and Fee Review Committee, senate itself, interim President Lou Hencken and the Board of Trustees.

In addition, the Board of Higher Education requires that all new fees be put by senate to a referendum among students, Hencken said. Senate must pass a resolution to hold a referendum, then review the results and make a recommendation.

However, it doesn't require that Eastern's governing bodies follow that vote and senate's constitution says that the referendum "is for informational purposes only."

Years ago, when the University of Illinois athletic department requested a \$40 fee to make up for the money their losing football team failed to rake in, roughly 88 percent of students voted against it in a referendum. U of I implemented the fee anyway, Hencken said.

Contrary to that example, Student Senate will act according to the desires of students as indicated by their votes, said Speaker of the Senate Joe Robbins.

Hencken and committee chair Seth Quin also said they will uphold whatever the students decide.

Each expressed personal support for the new fee.

"I think that there is a definite

need on this campus for additional forms of programming," Hencken said. "I'm glad to see that University Board has come up with an idea to address what a lot of people view is a problem."

Quin said he thinks the fee is a good idea.

"The results of the surveys will be a major factor of how Tuition and Fees sees it," he said.

The survey, drafted by UB vice chair Caleb Judy and reviewed by Ceci Brinker, director of student life, asked whether students wanted concerts at Eastern and would pay the fee. The questionnaire went on to ask more detailed questions about what sort of shows students liked and where they wanted to see them.

When asked if he felt the survey contained weighted questions, Quin responded that it had been too long since he last saw it to remember.

## Council approves fund-raiser

By Meg McNichols  
City editor

Charleston may not have a bowling alley, but it still has a Bowling Association, and the group will be conducting a fund-raiser after City Council approved it at its first November meeting.

"Eastern may give them lane time when it reopens," council member John Winnett said.

The group is currently traveling to Mattoon to practice and play, Mayor Dan Coughill said.

Also on the agenda Tuesday night was a bid award from Champaign-based Domestic Uniform and Linen of \$14,233 per year for the Public Works and Recreation Department's uniform contract.

"That's about \$443 a week compared to the \$273 a week we're paying right now," Coughill said.

In other business, construction is almost finished on the Arrowhead Ridge Subdivision just north of Wal-Mart Supercenter.

Council approved phases I

through III of the project which includes constructing sidewalks on the property and other public works improvements by Drake Homes Inc.

Two different ordinances were discussed and approved. Both will prohibit parking on two city streets.

Vehicles parked on the south side of Polk Avenue between E Street and Lynwood Drive and parked along both sides of Hawthorne Drive between Woodfall and Shawnee drives will be ticketed.

"There's not sufficient room to have parking on both sides (of Polk)," he said, referring to why the ordinances were approved.

Although it was not on the agenda, council members discussed the topic of the leaf drop-off center, located a mile west of the Charleston Fair Grounds, and its bustling business.

Council member Lorelei Sims said she had noticed residents lining up to drop off their bags of leaves. As a result, the hours were extended. The center will now open at 8 a.m. and close at 2 p.m. Saturday.


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## Recommend a revote

**R**ecommendations going before the Student Senate tonight regarding fees for nine fee-funded boards need to be discarded or, at the very least, heavily debated by the 30-member board.

Members of Student Senate's Tuition and Fee Review Committee did not make these recommendations, which in total equal \$29.20, per student per semester, in good

### Student fee choices made poorly

The Student Senate should send the tuition and fee recommendations back to committee.

faith. Only four members, all of which were Student Senate members, of the nine-member board made the final recommendations Thursday night. However, Student Senate members failed to include the two faculty member positions on the board and the three non-Student Senate members who are students failed to make the meeting.

Yet, the decision to divide \$29.20 in fees between nine boards was left to four members who are very inexperienced in budgetary talks. The outcome for some boards that requested what they believed was needed to stay out of the red was disastrous when they received less than requested, while one board received more than requested.

We fully understand the difficulty of dividing these funds among the boards. And it is a reality that not every board is going to get all of the money it needs.

For these reasons we believe that more time and input is needed in making these decisions. Student Senate members need to send these recommendations back to committee — a committee that is filled as their bylaws suggest that it should be filled. Take the rest of the semester, or however long it takes, to crunch the numbers. This is not a race.

It is our hopes that more discussion and more time will yield more firm results.

Tuition and Fee Review Committee members may have missed the boat on their most important function as a committee, but Student Senate members still have the time to redeem themselves by not accepting these recommendations.

Members of this newspaper ask each member of senate to not table these recommendations but send them back for further discussion, a discussion that will have different perspectives than that of four Student Senate members who may have their own agenda when it comes to dividing the fees based on needs.

The editorial is the opinion of the editorial board of The Daily Eastern News.

### Today's quote

“

Who lies for you will lie against you.

Bosnian proverb

”

## New plan needed for fee increases

**I**f I ever need heart surgery, I'm not going to ask a high school teacher to perform it.

Likewise, when the university is deciding what funds it needs to operate effectively, it shouldn't ask four Student Senate members to make that crucial decision.

Last week, the Student Senate's Tuition and Fee Review Committee met to divide up a \$29.20 student-fee increase among nine cash-needy university entities. This committee's recommendations are normally rubber-stamped by the Student Senate. I should know — I was a member of the senate for two semesters.

In addition, those recommendations are also usually accepted by the president and Eastern's Board of Trustees.

Now, I'm all for student input. Students are obviously the ones paying the bills around here, and we definitely deserve a say. But the committee which made these decisions that will likely become reality was only comprised of four Student Senate members.

That's right. Only four Student Senate members.

The Student Senate Bylaws for the committee require that three students, one faculty member and one staff member be voting members of the committee. The three students didn't show up, and no effort was ever made to appoint a faculty or staff voting member to the committee.

It may be just me, but when the senate wrote those bylaws, it probably wanted the committee to at least partially represent the campus as whole.

The senate made absolutely no effort to diversify the committee. That is unacceptable. That is not shared governance, an ideological theory on which this university is proudly based.

Such a theory is the reason students have representation on the Board of Trustees, Faculty Senate, Council on Academic Affairs, Council on University Planning and Budget, University



**Joseph Ryan**  
Assoc. news editor

“... ironically, they are guilty of the same ignorance they accused others of.”

Because of its arrogance and lack of diversity, this committee made fee-increase decisions on superfluous knowledge and unsubstantiated facts. It said Textbook Rental needs to do a better job managing its funds, so it cut its proposed fee increase.

What do these senate members know about fiscal responsibility? Better yet, what do they really know about how the textbook rental system operates. They cast the same ridiculous judgment on the student-insurance fee and Student Recreation Center.

Eastern deserves representation of all campus constituents, as well as informed constituents, in the deciding of tuition and fee increases.

And the only way for that to happen is to form a permanent and separate university tuition and fee review committee with faculty, staff, student and administration representation.

The committee must be separate from other university entities, it must have appointments from the various policy-making committees and it must be equally balanced among the constituents of this campus.

The creation of such a committee is the only true democratic way to make sure the fee and tuition increases are for the betterment of Eastern and absent of any bias and incompetence.

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## Greek system promotes leadership, not conformity

In response to Peter Laesch's article "Greek system leading to conformity." Hey, Peter, as a member of a fraternity on this campus, allow me to shed some light onto your clueless vision of what greek leadership is all about. I find it chuckling when people outright knock fraternities and sororities when they truly have no idea as to what they are talking about. The mere fact that you blatantly admitted you are 25 years old and are not a member of a fraternity discards all of your credibility about this topic, but here goes nothing.

"Leadership is getting someone to do what you want them to do, and having that someone want to do it ... this is not the vision of leadership of the greek organization."

Great definition of what a leader is, Pete, but why are you under the impression that greeks tend to push each other toward conformity?

If you ask anyone who is greek, they will inform you that each and every house has certain morals they try to invest in all members. What is so wrong with a concrete foundation of beliefs? Are you against the idea of stability in lives? Peter, a set of principles to apply to life is vital to a fraternity or sorority; that is what makes a house strong. It is entirely up to each individual member as to whether they live their lives by those values or not.

For a 25-year-old student, and a man who has "earned the right to do my own thinking," I urge you to graduate so you will not have to be around this "massive brainwashing" any longer. One last thing about greek leadership though, as a whole, before I mark my final period, you: can lead a thirsty horse to the watering hole, but cannot make him drink. Dwell upon it!

**Ken Andresen**

Sophomore accounting major

## Daily Eastern News reporting rumors and untested facts

I am appalled by the content *The Daily Eastern News* has included this semester. If I wanted to read about rumors or past dirt on someone, I would pick up an "Enquirer." However, lately students have been able to get this information from our campus newspaper.

I am mainly referring to stories of students stealing flags. The students involved have written an apology letter to the paper and to the readers whom they offended. The question remains, "why do so-called reporters keep bringing it up?"

This also refers to the past editorial story about a resident assistant last semester. Why did the reporter feel it was necessary to bring this incident back to the surface?

Finally, rumors have found themselves being spread faster because the DEN has not done background checks about informa-

## Your turn

Letters to the editor

tion they obtain. For example, Thomas Dining has been the topic of wrong information more than once this semester. These rumors would have been stopped if a call were placed to the Housing office.

People are proven to gossip, so why do we trash the newspaper with lies, when it should be used for actual news. I would like to put a challenge to the DEN. I would like to see one full semester of the DEN without lies, rumors or past dirt being reported. I hope that then you will be able to state with conviction "Tell the Truth."

**Nachel Glynn**

Sophomore secondary education

## Dissent encouraged, despite Greek view of conformity

Jay Piatt is a wonderful human being. He is an excellent example of a fine American. You should be appointed ambassador to Tuvalu. Then all the Tuvaluans can see what a wonderful person you are and what a great country the United States of America is. I appear I have been mistaken.

If only I had known such fine human beings as yourself represented the greeks then I never would have written my lovely diatribe, which was really much ado about nothing. Just assume I wanted to take up goat herding. As it happens, I come from a long line of goat herders on my mother's side. There is really nothing wrong with society at all. There is always more to life than buying and selling. We have more stores to shop at besides Wal-Mart. And recently a competitor to Microsoft showed up.

America is not a cookie cutter society. Dissent is encouraged and looked upon as a virtue. Eastern is a perfect example. Greek societies don't separate themselves from the rest of us and think themselves superior. Diversity action groups have been a smashing success. But, the truth is really hard to sell.

Accepting people as they are for what they are will not occur because of the action of a group. It will be the action of a lone individual making a choice to do something different and talk to someone they normally wouldn't. As far as Phish goes ... I've never heard of them. Try Pink Floyd.

**Peter Laesch**

Philosophy major

## Athletic Department should bring back Billy mascot

Saturday was cold. But we sat in the stands with a full crowd cheering Eastern on to an exciting victory over Tennessee State. As we sat in the stands watching the game we couldn't help but be a little jealous of Tennessee fans. While we were a little annoyed with the intense volume of their band, we were nostalgic watching their mascot dance around.

What happened to Billy? We remember the good old days of our freshman year when it was an honor to have Billy walk up to us and give us a hug. We used to sit in the stands with our roommates and yell to Billy in the hopes he could notice us. Billy was the symbol of our team, of our Panther pride. And he was fun!

But now we have no Billy. And why? Before the game, as we sat in front of the stadium with our friends and our parent, drinking our beer and waiting to brave the elements for the game, two students came up to us with "Save Billy" T-shirts on, asking for donations. They told us that the Billy suit has fallen to pieces and the Athletic Department will not buy a new one.

No Billy? Because we are too cheap for spirit? Being Billy was an honor to all who wore the suit and I am sure that students to come would feel the same way. We sit in our stands watching other teams' mascots dance around and bring the opposing crowds to their feet while our Billy suit has fallen apart and will never be replaced.

We can accept the fact that we must sit in the stands and explain to confused parents that there are no seat numbers on the bleachers at O'Brien Stadium despite the fact that their ticket tells them otherwise. But we cannot accept the fact that we must sit in the stands and watch the other teams' mascots dance around while our Athletic Department refuses to sponsor our symbol of team spirit.

**Jessica Shields**

Senior speech communication major

**Margaret Riester**

Senior math major

## 'Old Dogs' jam a big success, thanks to musicians

I wish to take the time to thank the many people involved in the "Old Dogs Jam Session" held Oct. 20 at the Charleston Eagles Aerie #3100. Between monies donated at the door and a donation from the club, \$1,000 has been raised to be sent to the families of the victims of the Sept. 11 attacks in New York and Washington.

We are sincerely grateful to the following musicians, who are, in no particular order: Gary "Beef" Easter, Billie Brant, Gay Harrison, Steve Harrison, John Bishop, John "Doc" Holiday, Wendy Meyer, Althea Wollen-Danner, J.B. Faires and Bjorn Spoon. A special thanks goes out to Rick Upton, who at the very last moment, sat in on drums.

It was a magical night for all who attended and performed. The evening concluded with Bjorn Spoon performing a solo of the National Anthem. Shortly after, Beef Easter led the audience in the singing of the National Anthem and "God Bless America," followed by cheers and a standing ovation. Again, thanks to all for everything you did. God bless you all and God bless America.

**Janie Temples**

Club manager

# Condoms don't offer protection we always thought they did

The scene is junior year of high school. You're sitting in dreaded health class listening to your gym teacher talk about sex. You and your friend try to suppress the giggles as you watch her substitute a banana for a penis during a how-to demonstration. She asks for a volunteer to show the proper technique of applying a condom. Some poor geek volunteers, struggles with the wrapper, but manages somehow to get the slippery little sucker strapped over the yellow penis. Oh, how hard you laughed. Thus, the beginning of sex education.

With the AIDS epidemic and STD crisis, our generation has been bombarded with the coined phrase "safe sex." Condoms have been thrown in our face at every corner we turn. Pamphlets — so conveniently handed out with every trip to Health Service — display the grossest pictures you've ever seen of mangled genitals. And everyone who's had Joan McCausland's health class avoided food for at least a week after the STD slide show.

So where does this leave us sexually active young men and women in today's society? Wear a condom, right? If you want to be as safe as you can and still have sex, we've had beaten into us that condoms are our trusty latex friends. I'm sure none of us have ever doubted their effectiveness, but maybe we should think twice about it.

A recent federal report by the National Institute of Health (NIH) published in the *Washington Post* on July 20 discovered that our lubricated Trojan warriors might not be the protectors we all naively thought they were. The report suggests that when used consistently and correctly, a condom can be a solid barrier against HIV, pregnancy and gonorrhea in men. The bad news is the NIH did not find enough evidence that condoms are effective in protecting men and women against other diseases such as chlamydia, gonorrhea in women, genital herpes, syphilis, chancroid and the human papillomavirus.

So what does that mean? It means when your health teacher intensely told the class that condoms aren't a for sure way to protect yourself against STDs, you were conveniently doodling different size beer cans or searching your bag for that last piece of gum. Our ears would suddenly go into selective hearing, laughing off the reality that no sex is really safe. Whoops. But don't jump off the top of Stevenson just yet.

The federal report has been cause for major stir in the health community. Note the word "federal," the study was done by conservatives who have been lobbying President Bush to shift money from family planning programs into programs that promote absti-



**Kim Blackwell**

Guest columnist

**"The sexual revolution has died and the war against sexually transmitted diseases has exploded in its place."**

nence only until marriage. Are you thinking what I'm thinking? The study might just be a little biased.

But let's look at condom research in general. It's definitely limited for good reason. How does one ethically go about researching the effectiveness of condoms? I can picture it already. Anyone with HPV sign up here, and anyone willing to sleep with the HPV infected using a condom, sign here. Thank you, here's your juice.

Even though the Department of Health and Human Services admits they don't know if condoms prevent many STDs, they still promote and support avid condom use. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) also has taken a stand against the report claiming repeatedly that "latex condoms, when used consistently and correctly, can reduce the risk of transmission of several sexually transmitted diseases."

As Snoop, says it's a "doggy dog world." The sexual revolution has died and the war against sexually transmitted diseases has exploded in its place. Abstinence is the only way to completely protect yourself, no matter what any report says about condoms.

Whatever the case, you have heard it before a thousand times: Education is key to protecting yourself. The report has definitely sent a shock through the health community, forcing all government and non-government health centers and services (half of which you probably didn't even know existed) to do, or at least attempt, the research that is so desperately needed. And in the meantime remember that yes, our rubbery army is still effective against HIV and preventing pregnancy, but no, not necessarily against diseases such as genital warts, genital herpes and syphilis.

So, the next time you're stumbling out of the bar with those 10-inch beer goggles firmly in place and ready to engage in a marathon of drunken sex, do yourself a favor: just go home.



# President acknowledges the university's best

By Melissa Nielsen  
Staff writer

Interim President Lou Hencken honored "the best of the best" of the university's faculty and staff Tuesday, presenting them with the 2001 Achievement and Contribution Awards for their outstanding contributions to the university.

Awards were presented in four categories, including service, balance, research and creative writing and teaching or performance of duties, said Tim Shonk, English professor and chair of the Achievement and Contribution Awards Committee.

The committee, made up of professors Douglass Brandt, William Joyce, Barbara Poole, William Russell and William Slough, deliberated for more than a month to determine the 35 winners. Each file took 10 to 15 hours to evaluate, Shonk said.

"We looked at what kind of outstanding achievements they made to the university," he said. "It's amazing how much people really accomplish, and it is important to recognize the hard work other people do."

The committee considered different criteria for each award. The service award included not only service to the university, but service in

regional, state and national organizations. Teaching or performance of duties awards were based on letters of reference, student evaluations, mentoring or development of new courses within the department. The balance award went to those who achieved excellence in all three categories, Shonk said.

"You make the university a better place to be."

Lou Hencken,  
interim President

Hencken praised the winners, saying, "You make this university a better place to be."

He said the list is extremely prestigious, and all recipients are excellent teachers who should be proud of their work at the university.

Winners of the teaching and performance of duties awards were: professors Ronan Bernas, psychology; Richard Foley, philosophy; Belayet Khan, geology/geography; Barbara Powell, counseling and student development; and Jeffrey Stowell, psychology.

Research and creative activity awards went to: professors Roger

Beck, history; Jonathon Blitz, chemistry; Gary Canivez, psychology; Suhrit Dey, mathematics; Robert Fischer, biological sciences; Richard Keiter, chemistry; Barbara Lawrence, chemistry; Ira Rosenholtz, mathematics; Rebecca Throneburg, communications disorders and sciences; and Bradley Tolpannen, library services.

Winners of the service awards were: professors Judith Barbour, early childhood elementary and middle level education; William Benedict, sociology; Jean Dilworth, family and consumer sciences; Charles Eberly, counseling and student development; Michael Havey, psychology; Christy Hooser, special education; Pat McCallister, family and consumer sciences; Linda Simpson, family and consumer sciences; and James Tidwell, journalism. From the library, Robert Hillman was awarded the service award.

Balance awards were presented to: professors Jon Best, psychology; Joyce Bishop, mathematics; Scott Crawford, physical education; Vincent Gutowski, geology/geography; Bonnie Irwin, English; Doug Klarup, chemistry; Stephen Mullin, biological sciences; Jerie Weasmer, English; Jean Wolski, theater arts; and Bailey Young, history.

(Right) At the opening of the faculty achievement awards, Provost Blair Lord makes comments while Interim President Lou Hencken looks on.

(Below) Hencken converses with math professor Ira Rosenholtz and his wife Susan Tuesday evening in the alumni lounge of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, prior to giving out the faculty achievement awards.  
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## Brandt appointed to Tuition and Fee Committee

### Faculty Senate also discusses details of commencement activities

By Pat Guinane  
Administration editor

The Faculty Senate Tuesday appointed one of its members to the Student Senate's Tuition and Fee Review Committee at the request of the student body president and speaker of the student senate.

Hugh O'Hara and Joe Robbins asked the Faculty Senate to make its appointment as soon as possible because, in accordance with the Student Senate's bylaws, a faculty member must serve on the committee responsible for making fee increase recommendations. Neither a faculty member nor a staff representative had been appointed to the committee when it voted on fee appropriations last Thursday.

"What the paper kindly pointed out to us is we were in violation of our own bylaws," O'Hara said, referring to an article in Tuesday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*.

The student body president emphasized that the committee is on a tight schedule. Senate will discuss the increases at tonight's meeting and the committee will re-examine the increases based on their concerns before the senate votes. The senate then makes its recommendations to interim President Lou Hencken and Shirley Stewart, interim vice president for student affairs.

"We really have to have these numbers pushed through by next week more or less," O'Hara said.

Robbins said the committee, including newly appointed faculty representative Doug Brandt, a physics professor, will meet Thursday night.

O'Hara and Robbins weren't the Faculty Senate's only visitors. Rebecca Throneberg, associate communication disorders and sciences professor, attended Tuesday's meeting, representing the Commencement

Committee.

The committee has been considering increasing both the fall and spring commencement activities to four ceremonies. Currently there are two ceremonies in the fall and three in the spring. Throneberg said that with four ceremonies, each college could have a separate ceremony and the graduate students would be divided based on their areas of study. The committee has proposed having one ceremony on Friday and the other three Saturday. Some senate members expressed concern that parents might not be able to leave work in time to attend a Friday evening ceremony.

The senate also devoted a large portion of the discussion time to the issues of exceptionality and summer graduation.

Senate Chair Bud Fischer, biological sciences professor, said many of his students who complete their degrees over the summer by participating in internships aren't willing

to return to school for a graduation ceremony in the summer or fall.

Currently, students with fewer than six hours of course work remaining can participate in spring commencement. Fischer said many of the internships his students participate in count for 12 course hours. He said many parents call him to complain that their children cannot graduate in the fall.

Senate member Bailey Young, history professor, said a "flexible" policy should be adopted, so students can be allowed to walk through commencement in special cases. He said the university should avoid "legalistic" thinking and embrace the opportunity to make students happy before they leave.

In other business, senate member John Best, psychology professor, updated the senate on what was discussed at the Fall Forum, and Fischer canceled next week's meeting. The senate will not meet again until Nov. 27, the Tuesday after Thanksgiving Break.

## Anthrax guidelines help campus feel more secure, says Due

By Hannah Goldberg  
Staff writer

Although anthrax is not a huge concern on campus, the Center for Disease Control has issued guidelines which outline possible threats and ways to deal with them.

Adam Due, acting university police chief, said these guidelines are necessary to make people feel better, help them be secure and show them what to look for.

Gary Hanebrink, a safety officer, said anthrax is a concern in Charleston because students have made several calls about mail from unknown people in Washington D.C. and New Jersey.

When looking at mail or packages, people should check for misspellings of common words, no return address, oily stains and uneven envelopes, the guidelines state.

Hanebrink said suspicious mail might also consist of blocked

printing and a non-recognizable address.

"It is hard to define what is suspicious mail and what's not, but if it raises the question on your mind, call the UPD," he said.

If someone believes they have contracted anthrax, they should "seek medical attention and get to a secure area," Due said.

Anthrax is a small bacteria that is carried in a powdered substance, Due said. It can be contracted through a person's skin

and by inhaling or consuming it, he said.

A person would not know if he or she was exposed, but if one believes one was, certain steps should be followed until the Health and Safety Department and the UPD arrive, Hanebrink said. Those steps are provided in the Safety Guidelines, Hanebrink said.

Hanebrink has a Web site which he said "provides all sorts of information about anthrax and other

biological threats."

The information can be found at [www.eiu.edu/~environ/](http://www.eiu.edu/~environ/) by clicking on "bioterrorism," and then by going to the Department of Public Health where the anthrax information will be provided.


As of now, there have been no findings of anthrax on campus, but several calls have been made, Hanebrink said.

Due and Hanebrink both agree that it is better for students to be safe than sorry.

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each building that generates the cold water to cool the building, Strode said.

The chilled water loops will be extended in the North Quad and the South Quad, to connect the building cooling systems, DeMarco said. For each building's size and load, they do not each need their own systems and can share.

Also during the program, the light and water fixtures will be replaced in all campus buildings, except for the Doudna Fine Arts Building, Tarble Arts Center and Booth Library because those buildings are under renovation, DeMarco said.

In replacing the lighting across campus, "you're reducing the wattage in each fixture," DeMarco said.

Reducing the kilowatt hours used will reduce the electrical bill, which for a few lights would not make a difference, but for Eastern will make a big difference for the number of light fixtures on campus, DeMarco said.

Strode said that there will be 18,363 lighting efficiency upgrades throughout campus.

On the subject of water

usage, DeMarco said that Eastern's water charges were higher than any place she had seen.

The water fixture upgrades will apply to water faucets, toilets, urinals, washing machines and shower heads, Strode said.

The high-efficiency replacements will reduce water consumption, measured in gallons per minute (GPM), DeMarco said.

While the upgrades may cause some disruption in campus buildings as various water fixtures are replaced, occupants of affected areas will be notified in advance, DeMarco said.

Work in residence halls will have certain restrictions to reduce any problems there.

"We've got a lot of special rules that we have laid down (for the workers)," DeMarco said.

She said that workers will not begin work before 9 a.m. and that no work will take place during the two weeks before finals.

Honeywell's contract stipulates that Eastern will recoup at least \$10.8 million in energy savings over 10 years because of the improvements. Honeywell is obligated to reimburse the university if the savings do not amount to at least the cost of the contract over the 10-year period.

Graduation

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guidelines for students who change their majors.

"In many ways, I think the design of the program and the nature of the target audience is going to be relatively similar," Lord said. "We are similar institutions in a whole host of dimensions and the ability to put together a graduation incentive guarantee program like this is going to have a lot of similarities."

Cindy Draughan, Western's Gradtrac coordinator, said that since

the program has been started between 13 to 18 percent of incoming freshmen enroll in Gradtrac.

Like Eastern's proposed EIU-4 program, Gradtrac is open to students in most majors, but not education majors.

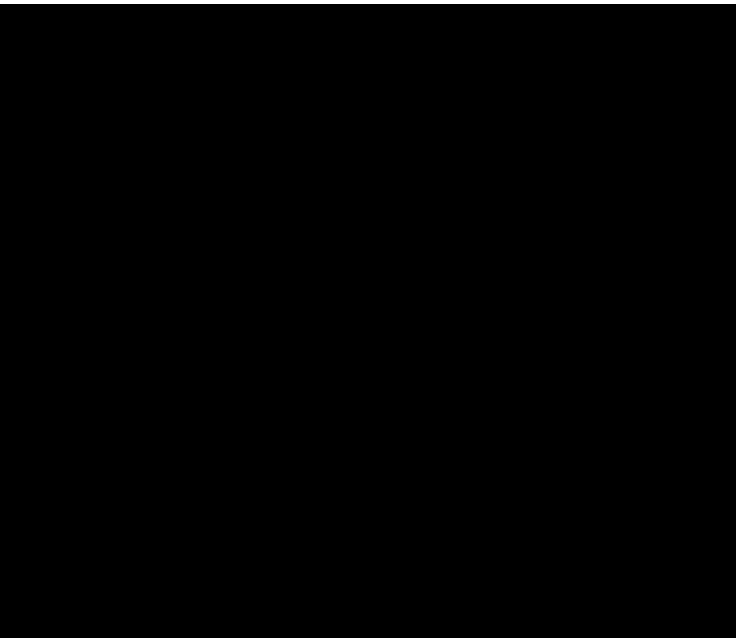
"It's been a successful program here at the university," she said, noting "parents are really excited about the program."

If a student were to meet all of Gradtrac stipulations and still wasn't scheduled to graduate on time, Draughan said Western has three possible ways to remedy the situation. The first is pay the student's tuition

for the additional course, the second would be to offer a substitute course and the third solution would be to have the student do an independent study.

A situation has yet to arise where Western would have to resort to one of those methods, but the university also has yet to graduate a class of Gradtrac students.

This spring Western will graduate the first class of students who entered into the program in 1998. Draughan said she has received positive feedback from the few students who have already graduated from the program early.



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## Rosenthal resigns as editor of *The Philadelphia Inquirer*

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Robert J. Rosenthal, who as editor of *The Philadelphia Inquirer* clashed with its publisher over local content, announced his resignation Tuesday.

"It became harder and harder for me to be able to do what I do best, and it became time for a new leader," Rosenthal said in a story posted on the *Inquirer's* Web site.

Walker Lundy, editor of Knight Ridder's *Saint Paul (Minn.) Pioneer Press*, has been named as Rosenthal's replacement.

Robert J. Hall, publisher and chairman of Philadelphia Newspapers Inc., the Knight Ridder-owned parent company of the *Inquirer* and the *Philadelphia Daily News*, declined to elaborate on disagreements other than to say they involved content, particularly local news.

In more than three years as editor, Rosenthal advocated strong local coverage and investigative projects.

Rosenthal departs seven months after *the Inquirer* announced its move to smaller headlines and photographs — and in many cases shorter stories — to adjust to a money-saving, narrow-

er page size.

In a memo to staff, Rosenthal said: "Rather than let discussions about *The Inquirer's* future grow rancorous, I hope my departure leads to *The Inquirer* becoming an even better newspaper, one that its readers and our community value even more. I am not angry or bitter. I wish all of you the best. It's been a great ride."

Hall said Lundy will start at *the Inquirer* on Nov. 26 and Rosenthal initially will be available in some advisory capacity.

Lundy, 58, has been with the Minnesota paper for 11 years.

"Walker is a great guy and he will do very well there," Pioneer Press publisher Harold Higgins said.

Rosenthal, 53, became editor and executive vice president of PNI in January 1998. Previously, he had been foreign editor and city editor before moving up to assistant and associate managing editor. He spent eight years as a reporter, including four as *the Inquirer's* Africa correspondent.

Rosenthal's tenure was marked by decreasing circulation and staff reductions. Under the most recent of buyouts mandated by Knight Ridder, the newsroom staff was

“It became harder and harder for me to be able to do what I do best, and it became time for a new leader.”

Robert J. Rosenthal  
former editor of  
*The Philadelphia Inquirer*

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reduced from about 580 to 530.

*The Inquirer's* circulation declined by 8.8 percent, to 365,154 for the six months that ended Sept. 30, according to the Audit Bureau of Circulations.

Lundy, a newspaperman for more than 35 years, has been editor and senior vice president of the Pioneer Press since 1990. Last year, the paper won the Pulitzer Prize for beat reporting for an expose on academic cheating in the men's basketball program at the University of Minnesota.

In a memo to his staff, Lundy said he had expected to remain at the Pioneer Press "until retirement," until Hall "made the proverbial offer I couldn't refuse."

Rosenthal said he had no immediate plans.

## Police reconstruct anthrax victim's life

NEW YORK (AP) — Police are using hospital worker Kathy Nguyen's subway card to try to reconstruct the last two weeks of her life, and said Tuesday they believe it took a large quantity of anthrax spores to kill her.

"The way it was described to us is that she would have given a good sniff to the anthrax in whatever form it was in," said Deputy Police Chief Joseph Reznick, who is part of the Joint Terrorist Task Force. "That leads us to believe that she either sniffed a letter that contained the powder or opened a jar that contained it."

Investigators said that they are open to all theories, including the possibility that the 61-year-old woman came in contact with a bioterrorist. But clues are scarce.

"We're using several items, such as her Metrocard," Reznick said. "We know what days she was at work; we know what hours she worked; we've seen phone records, of course. But absent those items, there's very little for us to go on."

A Metrocard is a computer-coded prepaid ticket for use in the city's bus and subway system. The system records the time and place a ticketholder used the system. Nguyen used the subway to commute from her home in the Bronx

to her workplace in the stockroom at Manhattan Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital.

Sweeps of the hospital and her apartment have come up negative for anthrax.

Nguyen died Oct. 31 and had been too sick to be questioned about her comings and goings. Reznick said hundreds of people — co-workers, neighbors, friends and churchgoers — have been interviewed about her. No relatives have been found.

Her friends have described a quiet life, dominated by work and home, and Reznick said police have found nothing unusual.

"We're stumped right now as to where she came in contact with the anthrax," he said.

Medical experts have told investigators that to contract the deadly inhalation form of anthrax, Nguyen would have had to come in contact with "a large quantity of airborne spores," the deputy police chief said.

All of the seven other anthrax cases listed by the city Health Department — the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has confirmed only four — are linked to news organization, are believed to stem from contaminated letters and are the easily curable skin form of the disease.

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# Five cities decide gay-rights issues

## Includes protection against discrimination, benefits for partners

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. (AP) — Voters in this northern Michigan city refused to prohibit city policies protecting gays from discrimination, rejecting a strong campaign by anti-gay rights groups.

Two other Michigan cities faced similar proposals, and voters in Houston and Miami Beach, Fla., decided whether their cities should provide benefits to unmarried domestic partners.

With all precincts reporting in Traverse City, 58 percent opposed amending the city's

charter to prohibit measures that would grant gays, lesbians or bisexuals "protected" status. Forty-two percent favored the change.

The proposed amendment was spurred by backlash to a city commission resolution opposing discrimination on a number of grounds, including sexual orientation. The failed amendment would have nullified that resolution and blocked future gay rights policies in Traverse City. It was based on a 1993 Cincinnati amendment that has been upheld by the courts.

Returns were incomplete in Kalamazoo, where a similar charter proposal was on the ballot, and in Huntington Woods, a Detroit suburb where the question was whether to uphold an ordinance approved by the city commission earlier this year banning anti-gay discrimination.

Voters in Houston were deciding whether the city should provide employee benefits to gay domestic partners. Miami Beach voters were deciding whether unmarried city employees with heterosexual or gay partners qualify for domestic partnership

benefits.

With all precincts reporting, 65.7 percent of Miami Beach voters said the city should provide employee benefits to domestic partners; 34.3 percent were opposed.

In returns from 58,000 Houston voters who cast early ballots in the two-week period that ended Nov. 2, 51.3 percent voted to amend the city charter to prohibit the nation's fourth-largest city from offering the benefits. The early votes represented 4.9 percent of the city's 1 million registered voters.

# Teacher fired for leaving to help after attacks

SPRINGFIELD (AP) — A nursing teacher at a Springfield college says she has been fired because she left her job without permission to go help people who lost relatives in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Deborah Adelman, who said she was initially suspended for two weeks after she left St. John's College without permission, said she received a letter informing her she was dismissed for "job abandonment." The letter was signed by Jane Schachtsiek, chancellor of the nursing school.

St. John's officials have declined to comment, citing the confidentiality of personnel matters.

Adelman, a longtime Red Cross Disaster Health Service volunteer, said she felt it was her duty to go to Connecticut to counsel people who lost loved ones in the World Trade Center attacks. She said she asked college administrators for the time off but was told the school could not spare her.

Adelman, 47, said she decided to go anyway, arranged for other faculty members to handle her work and took with her term papers that needed grading.

"I know I didn't abandon my job," she said. "I gave notice. ... I took papers to grade and I called them from there. I don't consider that job abandonment."

# Comptroller begins re-election campaign

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — State Comptroller Dan Hynes began his re-election campaign Tuesday by calling for changes in the way Illinois handles its budget.

The Chicago Democrat says lawmakers take a "feast or famine" approach to budgeting that spends too much when times are good and leaves the treasury empty when the economy slows down.

"We need a new approach to budgeting, an honest approach to budgeting," Hynes said.

He renewed his call for several measures that would limit spending, reduce debt and set aside money for emergencies.

# Jackson pushing 'right to vote' amendment

WASHINGTON (AP) — A year after a puzzling presidential election, Rep. Jesse Jackson Jr. proposed an amendment to the Constitution to ensure what many Americans think they already have: the right to vote.

At a news conference outside the U.S. Supreme Court, the Illinois congressman said Tuesday he was introducing legislation that would add the explicit "right to vote" to the Constitution.

"Most Americans will be shocked, appalled and outraged to learn that their Constitution does not grant them the right to vote," he said. "The 15th, 19th and 26th amendments prohibit 'discrimination' in voting on the basis of race, sex and age — but it does not extend to them the right to vote."

The Chicago Democrat noted that the Supreme Court ruling last December that paved the way for Republican George W. Bush

to become president over Democrat Al Gore said the individual citizen has no federal constitutional right to vote for electors for president.

Ron Walters, a University of Maryland political scientist, said the Constitution does provide the right to vote because otherwise it would not have a 15th Amendment, which states citizens' right to vote shall not be denied because of race. But he praised Jackson for seeking an amendment to clarify the matter.

The last amendment to the Constitution, which deals with lawmakers' pay, was adopted in 1992 when Michigan approved it, more than 200 years after it first surfaced as part of the proposed Bill of Rights in 1789.

Under Jackson's amendment, citizens 18 and older would have the right to vote in any public election held where the citizen

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Jesse Jackson Jr.  
Illinois representative

resides. States would administer elections in accord with standards set by Congress. Presidential electors would have to vote for the presidential candidate who received a majority of the popular vote in the state or district.

To take effect, the amendment would need two-thirds approval of both the House and Senate and ratification by three-fourths of the states.


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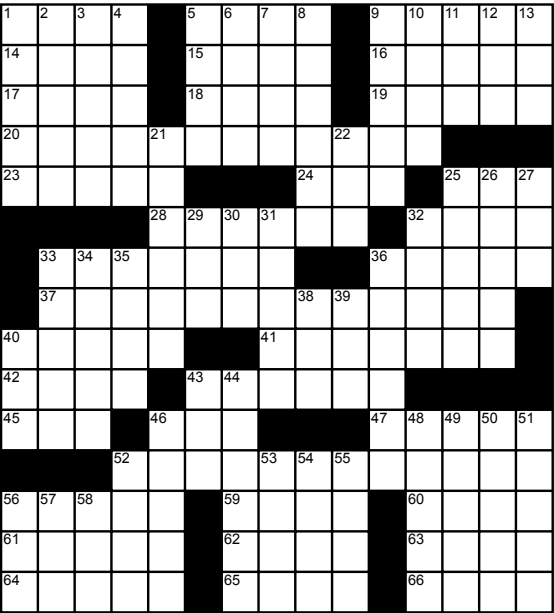
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# Feds searching background of airport security

CHICAGO (AP) — Federal authorities launched criminal background checks Tuesday of eight O'Hare International Airport security workers who allowed a man carrying knives and a stun gun through a checkpoint.

Federal officials two weeks ago had already ordered new background checks of Argenbright Security Inc. employees at 13 airports nationwide, including O'Hare. The decision stemmed from violations that prosecutors said included hiring convicted criminals as guards at Philadelphia International Airport.

The Federal Aviation Administration will put a priority on the employees involved in Saturday's security breach at a United Airlines checkpoint at O'Hare, FAA spokeswoman Elizabeth Isham Cory said.

"We want to know if they have any criminal convictions and if they are who they say they are," Cory said.

Atlanta-based Argenbright issued a statement Tuesday saying seven of the eight had previously undergone fingerprint-based FBI background checks that revealed "no disqualifying crimes preventing their employment."

Chicago Department of Aviation spokeswoman Monique Bond said the FAA has a list of 35

disqualifying crimes. She said only convictions within the last 10 years would be considered disqualifying.

Federal officials said they would take steps to avoid further security breaches by providing additional training to Argenbright employees at O'Hare and assigning plainclothes inspectors to visit the checkpoints to monitor job performance there.

On Saturday, Subash Gurung, a 27-year-old unemployed Nepalese national in the country on an expired student visa, told Argenbright employees at the United Airlines checkpoint that he was carrying two knives. The knives were confiscated at the checkpoint.

But Gurung was allowed to continue to the gate area with a plastic bag containing seven knives, a stun gun and a container marked "tear gas-pepper gas." United employees searched the bag by hand and found the items.

Gurung was arrested by Chicago police on two misdemeanor charges and released on bond. He was later rearrested by FBI agents when he returned to O'Hare to retrieve his luggage. He is scheduled to appear at a preliminary hearing Thursday on a federal felony charge of attempting to board a jetliner carrying weapons.

# University of Chicago professor wins \$1.5 million in grant money

CHICAGO (AP) — A University of Chicago professor and chairman of the school's Committee on Social Thought has won a \$1.5 million grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the school announced Tuesday.

Robert Pippin was one of five recipients of the new Mellon Distinguished Achievement Award. Each recipient will receive up to \$1.5 million over three years.

Recipients were nominated in secret and selected behind closed doors by a group of scholars, according to Pippin and the foundation.

Pippin said he was floored when he learned of the award, which had been kept secret until recipients were told Thursday.

"I didn't even know, no one knew, that this existed," he said Tuesday.

Pippin, noting the size of the award, said he thought the foundation was trying to make a statement.

"I think they were trying to suggest that the work of professors in the humanities ... is not marginal, that it's vital and central to civilized life," he said.

The New York-based foundation said the awards are meant to support and reward important research in the humanities. It plans to give four to six more awards in each of the next two years.

The award will pay for Pippin's salary and benefits, with the remainder earmarked for research.

Pippin said he intends to use the prize money to research the

modern understanding of beauty, German philosopher Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel's theory of freedom and Friedrich Nietzsche's apprehensions about modern society.

He noted that unlike the Nobel Prize or the MacArthur Foundation's "genius" grants, the money goes to the university, not him personally. He said it will support graduate student research, postdoctoral fellowships and similar academic programs.

Pippin earned a bachelor's degree in English from Trinity College in Connecticut and master's and doctorate degrees in philosophy from Pennsylvania State University. He has been a University of Chicago professor since 1992.

# Four killed in head-on crash on I-64

GRAYVILLE (AP) — Four members of a Fairfield family were killed when a sport utility vehicle headed the wrong way on Interstate 64 crashed head-on into their van near this southeastern Illinois town, police said.

Killed were Kam Ping "Gloria" Zhang, 35; her son, Raymond Zhang, 12; her daughter, 6-month-old Bernice Zhang; and Kin Zhang, 32, whose relationship to the family was not immediately clear. Each victim was pronounced dead at the scene Monday night.

The father of the children, Zi Liu Zhang, 36, Joseph Zhang, 10, and 6-month-old Briana Zhang were listed in serious condition Tuesday at St. Mary's Medical Center in Evansville, Ind. Bernice and Briana were twins.

The driver of the SUV, Troy Kindred, 31, of Danville, suffered major injuries and is being treated at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville. A nursing supervisor declined to release information on his condition.

Police say Kindred was heading eastbound in the westbound lanes at

about 9:30 p.m. when his SUV ran into the Zhangs' van.

Kindred has not been charged with any crime. The Illinois State Police is investigating the crash, said trooper Joe D. Murphy.

Murphy declined to say whether there is evidence that Kindred was driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

The Zhang family owned and operated a Chinese restaurant in Fairfield, police said. They had recently moved to Illinois from New York state.

# Convicted killer executed in Georgia

JACKSON, Ga. (AP) — A man convicted of shooting to death an 11-year-old boy during a 1976 gas station robbery was executed by lethal injection Tuesday night.

Before Jose Martinez High, 45, was put to death at the state prison in Jackson, south of Atlanta, he denied killing Bonnie Bulloch.

"I did not kill that little boy," he said. "I could not hurt a child."

According to court papers, High taunted the boy, saying, "Are you ready to die?" as Bulloch begged for his life during the robbery in Taliaferro County.

The boy and his stepfather, who ran the gas station, were forced to lie on the ground and each was shot in the head. The stepfather survived and later identified High as the gunman. He was convicted in 1978.

The state Supreme Court rejected a last-ditch motion Tuesday by High's lawyers for a stay of execution, contending he is mentally ill.

In New Mexico, convicted child-killer Terry Clark was also scheduled to die Tuesday night in the state's first execution in more than 41 years. Clark was convicted of murdering 9-year-old Dena Lynn Gore in 1986.

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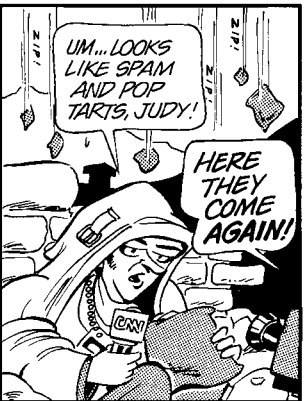
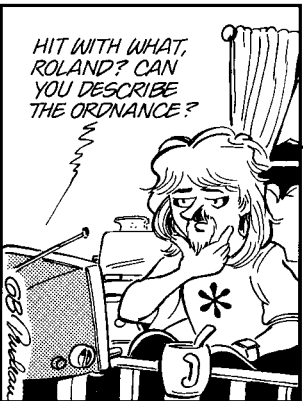
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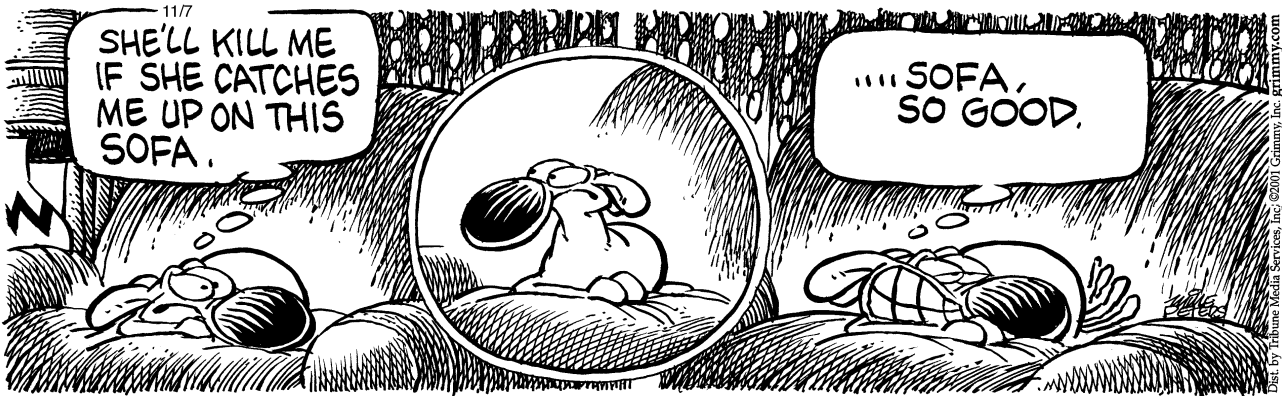
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# Tough schedule awaits men's basketball team

By Bill Ruthhart  
Sports editor

To say Eastern head men's basketball coach Rick Samuels is excited to kick off the 2001-2002 season Thursday with a home exhibition game against BC Albacomp out of Budapest, Hungary would be an understatement.

"It's the greatest time of all. It's basketball season," Samuels said. "Our fall sports have been great. Our volleyball team is doing well and our football team has been tremendous, but there nothing quite like basketball season."

But this basketball season will be different from others in the past. Coming off last year's NCAA Tournament appearance, it's no secret Samuels would want to play a stronger schedule this season.

In fact, the Panthers' first home game Nov. 16 against St. Joseph's will mark the start of one of, if not the most, grueling schedules in the program's history.

"I've been here so long that my memory gets shorter each year," said Samuels, who is entering his 22nd season at Eastern's helm. "But this certainly as demanding of a pre-conference schedule as we have ever played."

Five of Eastern's 30 games will be televised regionally. The Panthers will also face five teams that appeared in the NCAA Tournament a year ago with the possibility of facing a sixth in Iowa State when Eastern travels to the Las Vegas Invitational over Thanksgiving Break.

Following the home opener against St. Joseph's, the Panthers will travel to Champaign to take on the the University of Illinois. The Fighting Illini were the No. 1 seed in NCAA's Midwest Regional last season and have been ranked No. 3 in the Associated Press Preseason Poll.

"I think they're deserving of a high ranking and there's no ques-

tion they're one of the top 2-3 pre-season teams in the country," Samuels said. "It will be a challenge. They come at you hard defensively and they are a very physical aggressive team."

"We'll have to withstand that challenger to have any chance in being in the position for an upset."

After that, Eastern will travel to Nevada where they will take on Georgia Tech in the Las Vegas Invitational. Following the game with the Yellow Jackets, who were the No. 8 seed in the West Regional a year ago, the Panthers will take on a pesky Penn team.

"We have to go into those kinds of games with the idea that we can compete and we can go and play with them," Samuels said.

"Penn is hard to play because of all the back-door stuff they run and they have a very talented 6-foot-6-inch forward who will probably be player of the year in Ivy League."

Following the Thursday and Friday games in Vegas, the Panthers have the possibility of facing Hartford, Saint Louis, Southern Illinois or Iowa State, depending how they fair in the tournament.

Saint Louis received 10 votes to be ranked in the preseason Top 25 while Iowa State was the No. 2 seed in the West regional in last year's NCAA Tournament.

Following that demanding tournament, the Panthers will return home for a Nov. 28 home contest against Indiana State, who made an upset run in the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament last season, earning them a No. 13 seed in the Big Dance.

Eastern will then host Division III Augustana before traveling to Evansville and Western Illinois. The Panthers will then return home to face Loyola-Chicago before playing what could prove to be their two roughest road games of the season at Oklahoma and Ohio State.

"Oklahoma is ranked 25th in the AP poll and I have a vote in the USA Today/ESPN poll and I ranked them in the Top 25. They will be a very formidable opponent," Samuels said. "Then we'll go to Ohio State, which is one of the toughest places to play in the country."

Eastern will then have a week off before traveling to Northern Illinois before kicking off its conference season Dec. 31 at Austin Peay.

"It's a testing schedule that will help us, without question, in our preparation for our conference season," Samuels said.

The Panthers are a preseason pick to finish third in the Ohio Valley Conference after tying for second and winning the conference tournament a year ago. Defending regular season champion Tennessee Tech was picked to finish first while perennial OVC powerhouse Murray State was selected second.

"Tennessee Tech returns four of its starters from last season and I think they probably should be the preseason favorite," Samuels said. "And the mystique of Murray State is still there, but I certainly think we're contenders. We want to continue to play well, and we want to be a power in the OVC for years to come."

Following the conference opener at Clarksville, Tenn., the Panthers will host Southeast Missouri, Morehead State and Eastern Kentucky before playing six of their next seven OVC games on the road.

Eastern finishes up the season with four of their final five conference games at home, including a Feb. 14 contest against Murray State and the final regular season game against Tech.

"In our years in the OVC, we've shown that we're a decent, if not good road team," Samuels said. "And I'd certainly rather be at home late in the season than on the road late."

Men's basketball schedule 2001-02			
Date	Time	Opponent	Location
Nov. 8	7:10 p.m.	BC Albacomp (exhib)	Lantz Arena
Nov. 12	7:10 p.m.	NBC Thunder (exhib.)	Lantz Arena
Nov. 16	7:10 p.m.	St. Joseph's College	Lantz Arena
Nov. 19	7 p.m.	Illinois	Champaign, Ill.
at Las Vegas Invitational			
Nov. 22	2 p.m.	Georgia Tech	Las Vegas, NV
Nov. 23	7 p.m.	Penn	
Nov. 24	TBD	Hartford, Iowa St.	
		St. Louis or SIU	
Nov. 28	7:10 p.m.	Indiana State	Lantz Arena
Dec. 1	7:10 p.m.	Augustana	Lantz Arena
Dec. 5	7:05 p.m.	Evansville	Evansville, IN
Dec. 8	4 p.m.	Western Illinois	Macomb, Ill.
Dec. 15	2 p.m.	Loyola-Chicago	Lantz Arena
Dec. 18	7 p.m.	Oklahoma	Norman, OK
Dec. 22	7 p.m.	Ohio State	Columbus, OH
Dec. 29	2:05 p.m.	Northern Illinois	DeKalb, Ill.
Dec. 31	7 p.m.	*Austin Peay	Clarksville, TN
Jan. 5	7:10 p.m.	*Southeast Missouri	Lantz Arena
Jan. 10	7:10 p.m.	*Morehead State	Lantz Arena
Jan. 12	7:10 p.m.	*Eastern Kentucky	Lantz Arena
Jan. 14	7:10 p.m.	Benedictine	Lantz Arena
Jan. 17	7:30 p.m.	*Murray State	Murray, KY
Jan. 19	6 p.m.	*Tennessee-Martin	Martin, TN
Jan. 24	7:10 p.m.	*Austin Peay	Lantz Arena
Jan. 31	7:30 p.m.	*Tennessee Tech	Cookeville, TN
Feb. 2	7:30 p.m.	*Tennessee State	Nashville, TN
Feb. 7	6:30 p.m.	*Eastern Kentucky	Richmond, KY
Feb. 9	6:30 p.m.	*Morehead State	Morehead, KY
Feb. 14	7:10 p.m.	*Murray State	Lantz Arena
Feb. 16	7:10 p.m.	*Tennessee-Martin	Lantz Arena
Feb. 19	7 p.m.	*Southeast Missouri	Cape Girardeau, MO
Feb. 21	7:10 p.m.	*Tennessee State	Lantz Arena
Feb. 23	7:10 p.m.	*Tennessee Tech	Lantz Arena
Feb. 26	TBA	OVC Tournament	Lantz Arena
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# Four teams battle for women's soccer title

By Matt Williams  
Staff Writer

This year it is anyone's guess as to who will come away with the Ohio Valley Conference women's soccer title this weekend.

This year's competition is wide open and the four remaining teams of Eastern, Southeast Missouri, Murray State and Tennessee Tech feel that anyone can come away as champions and go on to the NCAA tournament.

"SEMO is going to be the favorite, but I think we have as good of a chance as any of the

teams," Eastern head coach Steve Ballard said.

SEMO received the No. 1 seed in the tournament after an near perfect 15-1 overall record and 5-0 in the OVC. This earned the Otahkians the right to host the tournament, which could prove to be the big advantage.

The Otahkians are undefeated at home this season, finishing 9-0.

"I think playing at our home field is a big advantage for us," SEMO head coach Heather Nelson said. "We will also have more fan support than the other teams."

In the first round, the Otahkians will be fac-

ing Murray State (8-8-2, 2-3), a team they defeated 4-0 in the regular season. But the shutout doesn't mean SEMO has an easy game ahead.

"At tournament time, any team is a threat," Nelson said.

The Racers also have a little motivation headed into the game.

"We have already played a playoff game," Murray State head coach Mike Minielli said. "We had a game against (Tennessee) Martin last week to decide the final spot in the tournament."

The other first round matchup features

Eastern (12-5, 4-1) and Tennessee Tech (12-6, 3-2). The Panthers handed the Golden Eagles a 2-1 loss during the regular season and are looking to do it again on Friday.

"This was our goal at the beginning of the year," Ballard said. "We are focused on making it to the NCAA tournament."

The Panthers may be the best bet to knock off the top seeded Otahkians. They fought hard in 1-0 loss one month ago in a game that could have gone either way. But Sunday will be the final day with one team celebrating and moving on to the NCAA tournament next weekend.

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Augustana. Fans will likely be too busy celebrating a football win to bother and watch the Panthers beat up on the Division III school out of Rock Island.

After that, the Panthers aren't home for another two weeks when they host Loyola on a Saturday night in the middle of winter break. Any fans that were still around would likely be fired up for the third round of the NCAA I-AA football playoffs if Eastern makes it that far.

It won't really matter that students aren't around during winter break, because five of the Panthers seven games during that stretch are on the road, including games at Oklahoma and Ohio State.

A pair of home games against Morehead State and Eastern Kentucky will be awaiting students when they come back, but those will likely be blow outs over two of the conference's worst programs. The following game Eastern host

Benedictine ... anyone want to fill me in on where that school is?

Following that game, Eastern hits the road for six of its next seven conference games, with the only home matchup coming Jan. 14 against Austin Peay on a Saturday night. That will likely be the first big-time game for the basketball team in which the focus of the fans is on basketball and basketball alone.

The next home game after that isn't until nearly a month later - Feb. 14 when Eastern hosts rival Murray State. That game is the beginning of the Panthers' final five-game stretch, four of which are at home against the conference's most talented teams.

In that stretch, Eastern hosts the Racers, Tennessee-Martin, Tennessee State and preseason favorite Tennessee Tech comes to town for the final game of the regular season.

But while the schedule doesn't favor a lot of immediate excitement at Lantz Arena, it will likely come. Let's just hope when it does the Panthers are still in middle of the OVC mix

## Egos

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roommate last year and a buddy of mine back home."

Wahlgren attended Amos Alanzo Stagg in Palos Park and when it comes to his talent, the 19 year-old business major is never short of words.

"I want to break three school records this year," Wahlgren said. "And it will happen because our relay [team] is that dominating. I know we are going to demolish the school records this year ... because we have a lot of fast guys."

Much like the rest of the team, Wahlgren expressed his pleasure with the closeness and the camaraderie that comes along with being a part of the team.

"There is lots of team unity, and I don't know why I'm not sick of them," Wahlgren said. "I'm with them all the time."

Kercheval has also been swimming for as long as he can remember. The junior finance major is relishing

in the fact that they broke the meet record last weekend in both relays.

"Our relay team is strong," Kercheval said. "We know we are going to win. My head is big enough anyway, and to swim the way we did just made it bigger."

Kercheval said the team has gotten better every year since he has been on the roster, and the relay team is breaking records every year. He conveyed the team's overall goals in the most direct fashion.

"Our [relay] goal is the break the school record, the same record we set last year with Nick Schmidt," he said.

Last, but definitely not least, is junior Nic Cheviron. The junior geology major from Decatur is a transfer student from Northern Iowa and is in his second year with the team. He signed on under one coach at UNI, but when that coach resigned, Nic transferred to the school his best friend, Kercheval, attends.

The UNI team went from 20 men to only six under the new coach and as Kercheval said, "They were a big rival, but after they got the new coach they fell of the face of the earth."

Last year Cheviron was a 500 freestyle virtuoso as he won 13 out of his 15 appearances in the 500 freestyle with the two losses coming to the same competitor. Being strictly a distance swimmer has made Cheviron well aware of his role on the team and in the relays as well.

"I only swim a couple of events," Cheviron said. "I'm at least good at what I do."

One thing this group of four certainly doesn't lack is confidence. When they hit the water, there's no doubt in their mind who will touch the wall first.

"As soon as we jump into the water we just say 'game over,'" Wahlgren said. "Because I just really don't feel like we can lose."

Not only are they confident they'll win, but that other teams know it as well.

"When I first came here I was worried about swimming against other schools, but now I know it is the other way around," Kercheval said. "They have to swim against us," Wahlgren added, "When people hear our name, they tremble."

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# Sports

## Panther Sports Calendar

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Friday: M/W Swimming vs. Western, 5 p.m.  
Friday: Volleyball vs. Tech at Lantz Arena, 7 p.m.

### Extra Innings



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## Lantz will be exciting, eventually

As if Eastern athletics aren't exciting enough already this fall, the men's basketball season starts Thursday. That's not to say the Rick Samuels show will steal any of the excitement or attention that surrounds the success of Eastern's football program. In fact, it will probably lose excitement.

After coming off just their second NCAA Tournament appearance ever, Samuels & Co. were picked to finish third in the conference and are excited to hit the hardwood again to prove they're better than their preseason prediction.

And when they do hit the floor, they'll have to play one of the most demanding schedules of all mid-major schools in the nation, with the majority of those games coming on the road.

In fact, nine of their first 26 games are on the road. And two of those first nine home games fall on dates during winter break when students will all be long gone.

Early in the schedule, the Panthers will face off against five, and possibly six, teams that made the NCAA Tournament a year ago. After hosting cake-walk St. Joseph's at home to open the season, Eastern plays at No. 3 ranked Illinois the following Monday and then against Georgia Tech in Las Vegas that Thursday.

It's unfortunate, but the first half of the Panther basketball season could easily get lost in the shuffle. It's not likely many Eastern students will make the trip to Champaign for the game against the Illini because that takes place the first Monday of Thanksgiving Break. And with students home for that entire week, many will miss out on the action and news of what takes back in Las Vegas.

Wednesday, Nov. 28 might be the first big draw for Eastern when Indiana State comes to town. The Sycamores snuck into the NCAA Tournament last season with a bunch of upset wins in the Missouri Valley Conference.

But the following Saturday marks the first round of the playoffs for the Panther football team. That will likely mean a mediocre crowd at best for that night's game against

### Volleyball

## Westerwinds get blown away

By Nate Bloomquist

Staff writer

The Eastern volleyball team blew away the Western Illinois Westerwinds at Lantz Arena in a 3-0 shutout Tuesday night.

The Panthers (17-7) trailed only twice in the match, winning 30-16, 30-19, 30-22.

"It was a good chance to get back out on the court before our big weekend," Panther volleyball coach Brenda Winkeler said. "We did a good job of blocking, even though it didn't show in the stats, we covered the ball well."

The Eastern defense frustrated Western (4-16) into several attack errors, as the Westerwinds had a paltry .057 attack percentage.

The Panthers had two players in double-digit kills. Freshman Erica Gerth led the offensive attack with 15 kills and a .458 attack percentage. Senior Leslie Przekwas had 10 kills and a .444 attack percentage.

Eastern pounded out a balanced

attack, breezing balls over the heads of the Westerwinds. Senior Amy Heimann filled in for junior outside hitter Karen Liss, who only played the back row in two games. Liss has been used sparingly in recent matches due to a nagging shoulder injury. Heimann picked up the slack and provided some intensity with nine kills. Senior Marcia Hahn also had nine kills.

"I think the intensity is always there for us," Przekwas said. "Just because it's a non-conference match doesn't mean we're not going to have the intensity. It's good to play well against a non-conference team and to get some confidence."

The match provided a much-needed tune-up for the Panthers. Eastern will play three consecutive Ohio Valley Conference home matches starting on Friday with Tennessee Tech. If the Panthers win two of the three, they clinch second place in the league, earning them a No. 2 seed and a bye in the conference tournament.



Colin McAuliffe/ Staff photographer

Senior Marcia Hahn spikes the ball against Western Tuesday night.

Eastern out-dug the Westerwinds by 20 and out-hit them by 22 kills. The Panthers also beat Western in transition, something they haven't been doing in recent matches.

"We wanted to beat them there because they were slow and we were fast," Winkeler said. "It's a lot like basketball; if you're against an up-tempo team you try to slow things

down and vice versa."

Winkeler said she tried to keep her squad focusing on the technical aspects of the game instead of being concerned with the score.

"You'd think at this point in the season we wouldn't have to worry about that," Winkeler said. "But you have to re-focus on those sorts of things when you're playing in games."

### Top Cat

"As soon as we jump in the water, we say 'game over,' because I just really don't feel we can lose." —Rich Wahlgren

## Times drop, egos rise



Colin McAuliffe/ Staff photographer

Rich Wahlgren, Tom Watson, Josh Kercheval, Nic Chevron broke the 400 relay and 800 relay invitational meet records Saturday.

*Editor's note: Top Cat is a weekly series taking an in-depth look at Eastern's top athlete from the previous week. Winners are selected just once. Selection is made by The Daily Eastern News sports staff.*

By Raymond Keeler

Staff writer

Times are dropping and egos are rising as the Eastern Illinois men's 400 and 800 yard relay team continue to help the team as four athletes have assumed the role of Eastern Illinois A — the A-team.

The 400 and 800 relay teams are comprised of four swimmers: junior Nic Chevron, freshman

Tom Watson, sophomore Rich Wahlgren and junior Josh Kercheval. The four set the meet record for both relays in the Panther Invitational last weekend, and they all share the same passion for swimming.

Watson, an 18-year-old Industrial Technology major, has been swimming since the tender age of eight and was lured here by three deciding factors.

"First it was swimming, next was the major and last it was Josh," Watson said.

"The first time here I knew [I would come here]."

Swimming at Eastern is a world apart from his days at University High in Normal.

"I like the team being larger," Watson said. "EIU is way bigger than high school and ... the events are harder because I am learning to swim longer events."

As a freshman coming on to a team of seasoned swimmers, he

seems to be handling the transition well and fitting in great with the team.

"I am here for the experience and for making friends," Watson said. "If I didn't like it, I wouldn't be doing it."

As for Wahlgren, he has been swimming as long as he can remember and was sure he was going to attend Eastern.

"I pretty much came her for Jon Jelly," Wahlgren said. "He was my